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FOR: MAGNETIC MEMORY DEVICE

HAVING YOKE LAYER, AND MANUFACTURING METHOD

THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.